



17 Left Sector  
Application Serial No. 09/724,300

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: VanderWal, Nicholas M.  
Kroko, Richard A.  
Duba Jr., John C.  
Knister, Kenneth J.  
Levitt, David J.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURE OF  
FLOOR PANELS

Application No.: 09/724,300

Filing Date: 11/28/2000

Examiner: To be determined

Art Unit: 1744

Attorney Docket No.: 076507-0305

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below.

*Karen Meier*  
(Printed Name)  
*Karen Meier*  
(Signature)  
May 23, 2001  
(Date of Deposit)

**BOX MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS  
OF PATENT APPLICATION**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on March 26, 2001, in the above-referenced application, transmitted herewith are the missing parts needed to complete the filing of the subject patent application.

Enclosed are:

- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (Part 2) (1 page).
- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- Request for Corrected Filing Receipt (3 total pages).
- Check in the amount of \$1,886.00 in payment of basic filing fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), 27 total claims over 20 fee, 7 independent claims over 3 fee and surcharge fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 5/23/01

By Scott D. Anderson

FOLEY & LARDNER  
Firststar Center  
777 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5367  
Telephone: (414) 297-5740  
Facsimile: (414) 297-4900

Scott D. Anderson  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 46,521



Application Serial No. 09/724,300  
#3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: VanderWal, Nicholas M.  
Kroko, Richard A.  
Duba Jr., John C.  
Knister, Kenneth J.  
Levitt, David J.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURE OF  
FLOOR PANELS

Application No.: 09/724,300

Filing Date: 11/28/2000

Examiner: To be determined

Art Unit: 1744

Attorney Docket No.: 076507-305

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below.

*Karen Meier*  
(Printed Name)  
*Karen Meier*  
(Signature)  
May 23, 2001  
(Date of Deposit)

Attn: Application Processing Division, Customer Correction Branch  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

Attached is a copy of the official Filing Receipt received from the PTO in the above-referenced application.

There is an error with respect to the inventors' names. The names should read:

Nicholas M. VanderWal (Grand Rapids, Michigan);

Richard A. Kroko (Marietta, Georgia);

John C. Duba Jr. (Alto, Michigan);

Kenneth J. Knister (Ada, Michigan);

David J. Levitt (East Grand Rapids, Michigan).

The correction is not due to any error by Applicants and, accordingly, no fee is due. Issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 5/23/01

By Scott D. Anderson

FOLEY & LARDNER  
Firststar Center  
777 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5367  
Telephone: (414) 297-5740  
Facsimile: (414) 297-4900

Scott D. Anderson  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 46,521

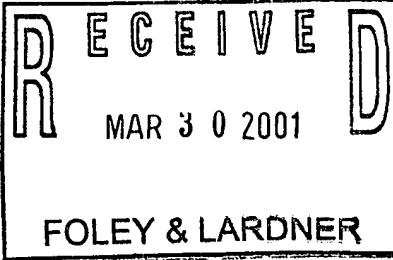


## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/724,300	11/28/2000	Richard A. Kroko	76507-305

FOLEY & LARDNER  
Firststar Center  
777 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-5367



CONFIRMATION NO. 4791

## FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000005903651\*

RESPONSE DUE 06/01/2001

Date Mailed: 03/26/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1046.
  - \$486 for 27 total claims over 20.
  - \$560 for 7 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1886.

---

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

*ANK*  
Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

06/01/2001 MBERHE 00000049 09724300  
01 FC:101 710.00 0P  
02 FC:105 130.00 0P  
03 FC:103 486.00 0P  
04 FC:102 560.00 0P

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

*3135/10  
JW*



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY.DOCKET.NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
09/724,300	11/28/2000	1744	0.00	76507-305	21	47	10

CONFIRMATION NO. 4791

## FILING RECEIPT



OC000000005903650

FOLEY & LARDNER  
Firstar Center  
777 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-5367

Date Mailed: 03/26/2001

Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

## Applicant(s)

Richard A. Kroko, Residence Not Provided;  
Nicholas M. Vander Wal, Residence Not Provided;  
John C. Duba JR., Residence Not Provided;  
Kenneth J. Knister, Residence Not Provided;  
David J. Levitt, Residence Not Provided;

## Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

## Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 03/26/2001

## Projected Publication Date:

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

## Title

System and method for manufacture of floor panels

